

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. In the non-final Office Action of April 18, 2008, the Examiner made the following disposition:

- A.) Allowed claims 4, 6, 13, 21, and 23
- B.) Objected to Figure 2.
- C.) Objected to the specification.
- D.) Objected to claims 1, 4, 8, 13, 14, 21, 25, and 26.
- E.) Rejected claims 11-13 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.
- F.) Rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-20, 22, and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Wydra, et al. (U.S. 6,598,067)* ("Wydra").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and address the Examiner's disposition below. Claims 1, 5, 8, 11, 14, 18, 22, and 26 have been amended. Claims 4, 6, 13, 21, and 23 have been canceled.

A.) Allowance of claims 4, 6, 13, 21, and 23:

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in claims 4, 6, 13, 21, and 23.

Independent claims 1, 5, 11, 14, 18, 22, and 26 have been amended to include subject matter recited in claims 4, 6, 13, 21 or 23 and are therefore allowable.

Claims 4, 6, 13, 21, and 23 have been canceled.

B.) Objection to Figure 2:

Figure 2 has been amended as per the Examiner's request to overcome the objection.

Applicants respectfully submit the objection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

C.) Objection to the specification:

Claims 11 and 13 have been amended as per the Examiner's request to overcome the objection.

Applicants respectfully submit the objection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

D.) Objection to claims 1, 4, 8, 13, 14, 21, 25, and 26:

Claims 1, 4, 8, 13, 14, 21, 25, and 26 have been amended as per the Examiner's request to overcome the objection.

Applicants respectfully submit the objection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

E.) Rejection of claims 11-13 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

Claims 11, 13, and 26 have been amended as per the Examiner's request to overcome the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

F.) Rejection of claims 1-3, 5, 7-12, 14-20, 22, and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Wydra, et al. (U.S. 6,598,067)*("Wydra"):

Independent claims 1, 5, 11, 14, 18, 22, and 26 have been amended to include subject matter recited in claims 4, 6, 13, 21 or 23 and are therefore allowable.


Claims 2, 3, 7-10, 12, 15-17, 19, 20, 24, and 25 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 5, 11, 14, 18, or 22 and are therefore allowable for at least the same reasons that claims 1, 5, 11, 14, 18, and 22 are allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit the rejection has been overcome and request that it be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are patentable. It is therefore submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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